

NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

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MEMORANDUM FOR NATIONAL FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Intelligence Community Implementation of
Executive Order 12065

1. Executive Order 12065 became effective on 1 December 1978. It changes certain aspects of classifying and marking information. Intelligence Community agency heads and program managers/executive agents are enjoined to ensure that security policies and procedures under their cognizance are in accordance with the Order and the related "Information Security Oversight Office Directive No. 1 Concerning National Security Information." The Executive Order and Directive No. 1 take precedence over conflicting policies and procedures in existing Community directives and regulations to include DCID 1/7, DCID 1/19, and Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) control directives, which will be revised as necessary.

2. Particular attention shall be given to the requirement in the Order to promulgate classification guides, especially with regard to SCI and to other information bearing on intelligence sources or methods. NFIB members and program managers/executive agents are responsible for developing such guides for the programs under their cognizance. As an interim measure, existing guides may be modified or summary guidance provided by message/cable format pending coordination and approval of final versions. The attachment lists categories of information which should be considered in preparing classification guides for Intelligence Community applications. A copy of all guides promulgated for foreign intelligence and foreign counter-intelligence shall be provided to the Chairman, DCI Security Committee for review in support of my responsibilities under E. O. 12036.

3. To ensure an adequate period of protection pending a detailed review of classification requirements, all SCI shall be annotated to show that it will be reviewed for declassification on a date 20 years from the date of the material (30 years in the case of Foreign Government Information as defined in the Order). The requirement for this annotation shall be included in guides for SCI. The reason for the extension of classification longer than six years may be shown for SCI or other intelligence information by use of the following, selecting the words or phrases applicable to the class or item of information involved:

"Reason - to protect sensitive (cryptologic/technical/human/clandestine) (sources/methods of collecting)/(means of processing) intelligence which are expected to remain sensitive because of (vulnerability to counteraction)/(loss of informational advantage to the United States) during the full period of classification."

4. Questions on these matters should be directed to the DCI Security Committee.

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Attachment